



Pinckney on the Prowl

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Port Calls Thus Far:

- Pensacola, Florida
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Norfolk, Virginia
- Port Everglades, Florida
- St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Cartagena, Columbia
- Rodman, Panama
- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- San Diego, California
- Port Hueneme, California

From the Commanding Officer

Hello PINCKNEY family and friends!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Jim Malloy. I relieved Bob Byron as Commanding Officer in June, and am honored to join such a dedicated and skilled team of war fighters.

It has been a busy two months since commissioning. We have continued to train furiously for our Combat Systems Qualifications, while striving to improve our abilities to take our ship to sea and operate with the Fleet. In this time of war, our leadership has given us explicit guidance – *make PINCKNEY ready in all respects for wartime operations, we need her "on the Prowl."* In that light as I write to you, we are at sea exercising our warfare systems, propulsion and electrical power generation plants, and building our endurance and watch standing skills. This is a time of great excitement and more than a little stress for all Hands. But let me assure you, your Sailors are performing superbly.

The next few months will continue to challenge us. After we return from our Combat Systems Qualifications events, we will move quickly into preparations for the In Service Inspection (INSURV) and Final Contract Trials. Much like

a new car, PINCKNEY is under a one-year full warranty from our ship building partners at Northrop Grumman. INSURV is designed to do several things: identify any discrepancies which may fall under the warranty for repair during our upcoming shipyard period, and evaluate how well we have taken ownership of our ship in terms of assessing our material readiness, documenting discrepancies, and supervising repairs. This is a critical milestone for us, and all Hands will be working very hard to make this a valuable and comprehensive look at our ship. I ask you to support your Sailor in this effort, as preparations will be intense.

Our superb CMC, CMDMC (SW/AW) Kevin Blade is going to talk to you on the next page about some quality of life initiatives designed to make the PINCKNEY experience better for both our Sailors and their families. I ask for your support for our Family Support Group (FSG), which will meet on 30 September at the USO downtown. Even if you have had a bad experience with these types of organizations in the past, I would ask you to give ours a chance- come meet Michele Kane and others who are making this initial effort. I promise you a very

pleasant surprise. The meeting on the 30th will be designed to solidify the charter for the FSG, elect a leadership, and forge a path ahead. The Master Chief and I will have no decision making authority in this organization – it is your group in every respect. Even if you are a "grizzled" veteran of the Navy, don't think you need this group – it surely needs you!

In closing, I would like to wish 'Fair Winds and Following Seas' to Commander Bob Byron, his wife Theresa, and their children. This ship bears Bob's signature in so many positive ways, things that will benefit PINCKNEY and her crew long after I am gone. In good times and in crisis, his dynamic leadership was instrumental in forging a team spirit in our crew that is even stronger today. As the Plankowner Commanding Officer, he can take justifiable pride in PINCKNEY's accomplishments..

Take care, and I look forward to meeting you soon, hopefully on the 30th of September!

Jim Malloy
Commander, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer
USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91)



From the Command Master Chief

Greetings PINCKNEY family and friends,

Hopefully by now, everyone is moved in and enjoying life in the San Diego and the southern California sunshine. The past two months have seemed to have gone by so quickly, and it is almost time to send the kids back to school. This past two months has also brought us change to the PINCKNEY family as we welcomed our new Commanding Officer aboard. Commander James J. Malloy, his wife Kim and their three boys arrived in mid June from Washington, DC.

Many of our Sailors took advantage of our in-port time and took leave for vacation and spending time with family, others were here on the ship getting prepared for our very busy August and September at sea schedule.

As we move forward, I encourage everyone to be involved with the newly formed PINCKNEY Family Support Group. Michelle Kane is doing an awesome job getting this very important group together and is working diligently on writing the bylaws. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on Thursday September 30 at 6:30 PM and will be at the downtown USO on the corner of 3rd and E streets. For more information you can email Michelle at

ddg91fsg@san.rr.com.

Congratulations to the following Sailors and their families on their selection to rank of Chief Petty Officer; MA1(SW) Wayne



CMC Kevin Blade.

Binning, ET1(SW) Deborah Miska, and SK1(SW) Marc Steward. These Sailors have worked hard for many years at a level of sustained superior performance.

Congratulations to several of our PINCKNEY families that are about to grow, as we have new babies on the way. I encourage those that are about to embark on parenthood for the first time to take advantage of several programs that are available to you through Fleet & Family Support Center. Boot Camp for new Dads gives expectant and new dads first hand information to help take off the

edge. This program is a "guy thing" and no women over two feet tall are allowed. Men facing a common challenge get together, and a locker room type of bond develops. To register, call 619-532-6573. Navy New Parent Support is the second program that is available through the Fleet & Family Support Center. New Parent Support staff are knowledgeable about pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. They also teach child growth and development and parenting skills. For more information on this program call 619-556-8175.

Healthy Start Military Family Cluster Playgroups is a group for those of you who already have small children. They invite military moms, dads, and children to their weekly playgroups in the following military communities. 1000 Tuesdays – Cabrillo Park, 1000 and 1300 Wednesdays – Murphy Canyon, 1000 Thursdays – Chesterton. For more information you can call 858-496-0044 or you can go to www.militaryplaygroups@yahoo.com.

Until the next issue of *PINCKNEY ON THE PROWL*, take care and stay safe.

Kevin R. Blade,
CMDM(SW/AW)
Command Master Chief
USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91)



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Engineering Department

Hello all from Engineering! Engineering is gearing up for another big event. In preparation for our training cycle, engineering is hard at work preparing our spaces and ourselves for what is to be the first INSURV inspection for our crew. We welcome GSM1 (SW) Thomas, EM1 (SW) Eggert, IC2 Gledhill, DC3 Patton, and DCFN Watson, all who have checked on-board just in time to begin this task with us.

We can't forget about our new officers who checked in. LTJG Kristin Borja is our new DCA taking over for LT Wagner. Also joining "R" Division is ENS Griffith as the new Division Officer.

They will be a great addition to an already outstanding Repair Division. "R" Division has been hard at work with Division in the Spotlight (DITS) and pre-inspection grooms. They did an outstanding job with DITS and with their preparations for the training cycle.

"A" Division also has a new Division Officer. ENS Blake Brundige has taken over for LT Ansuini. "A" division is hard at work to ensure that the transition is smooth and that all equipment is inspection ready. Another major accomplishment is EN1 (SW) Dickson becoming Sailor of the quarter. Congratulations to him and

all who were nominated.

Many engineers received awards since Commissioning. FN Segovia and FN Curtis received Letters of Commendations for their performance during Light Off Assessment. Receiving Navy Achievement Medals were GSEC (SW) Kane, GSM3 Nelson, and IC3 Murphy.

In the past few weeks, we have also had to let go of a good shipmate. Plankowner IC3 Murphy has finished his enlistment and is now out of the Navy. Congratulations to him on a job well done, and we wish the best to him and his family.



DC3 Martin is dressed and ready for "Crash and Smash".

Operations Department

Our focus this month is on OS Division. Due to the Cryptological Manning experiment, we have more CT's than a normal DDG, which is good for us. The division includes:

LT Carney, CTRC (SW) Migliaccio, CTR1 (SW) Meek, CTR1 (SW) Echevarria, CTR2 (SW) Herring, CTR2 (SW) Hammer, CTR2 Prate, CTR3 (SW) Chadd, CTR3 Libby, CTR3 Jaynes, CTM1 (SW) Brown, CTM2 (SW) Lattimore, CTO1 (SW) Jones, CTA2 (SW) Nunez, CTTC Wendel, CTT1 (SW) Dasa, CTT2 Nelson, CTT3 Dodd, CTTSN Wilson, CTTSN Phillips, CTTSN Lyon, IS1 (AW) Wingard

Having the cleanest spaces on the ship, many people make the mistake of calling

us cleaning technicians instead of Cryptological Technicians. It's a mistake we let slide.

While some people joke about CT's having nothing to do and are just a bunch of passengers, on PINCKNEY, nothing could be further from the truth. We are involved in every major evolution from Petty Officer's Meek, Jaynes, Herring, and Libby along with CTTSN Wilson running Line 3, to Petty Officer's Hammer and Prate on UNREP detail. We also have Chief Mig, Petty Officers Meek, Echevarria, and Seaman Wilson driving RHIBs for everything from small boat Crew Served Weapons shoots, Midshipman training, SAR training, and in-

port security. As a matter of fact, it has been noted that CTR1 (SW) Echevarria has more time in the ship's RHIBs than anyone else on the ship.

While the bulk of the CT's work in the Ship's Signals Exploitation Space, the CTT's work down in Combat Information Center. They coordinate closely with the Operations Specialists to protect the ship by ensuring the decoys are ready to launch when needed. Speaking of which, the whole division chipped in to assist in the load out of decoy rounds. Once finished with that, we went into the 5" magazine to help the Gunner's Mates load rounds for the ship's main gun.



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CT's Posing.



Supply Department



**S-1 From Left to Right:
BM2 Bloom, SK2 Davis,
LCDR Dessing,
SKC(SW) Galang,
SK1(SW) Winn, SKSA
Baskerville, and SK3
Ragadio**

Greetings from the PINCKNEY Supply Department! Since joining the fleet as a commissioned vessel, PINCKNEY has been hard at work preparing for Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials and Final Contract Trials. Both assessments look at the material condition and capabilities of PINCKNEY and how well we have taken care of her since moving aboard in January.

Supply Department has been hard at work preparing for these assessments as well as supporting the tremendous amount of ongoing maintenance required to keep PINCKNEY in fighting shape. Over the past several months Supply Department has issued more than 700 parts worth in excess of \$400,000.

Ship's Services Division(S-3) recently completed their Logistics Training Team visit, where Afloat Training Group Pacific came aboard to train and assess their Mission Readiness. With Supply Management Assessment next spring, they are well on their way to an

outstanding score. Great work!

Our squared-away "Supply Warriors" have continued to excel. Recognition is definitely in order for these fine hardworking Sailors. And nothing is sweeter music to a Sailor's ear than ADVANCEMENT! Congratulations to following recently advanced Supply Department Sailors: PINCKNEY's current Sailor of the Year and now newest selection to the Chief Petty Officer community, Chief Select Mark Steward! PC1(SW/AW) Parsons, who was recently advanced through the Command Advancement Program(CAP). CS1(SW) DeAsis, DK2 Moncibais, CS3 Prescod, and SK3 Ragadio who were all advanced from March's exam cycle. Supply Department continues to excel at the command level as well capturing two out of three Sailor of the Quarter Awards. Our Departmental LPO DK1(SW/AW) Barbera was recently honored with the prestigious Senior Sailor of the Quarter award. Meanwhile, earning Pinck-

ney's Blue Jacket of the Quarter, we have the dynamic and vibrant SKSA Baskerville. Congratulations to the newly married CS3 Carty, and we welcome Mrs. Carty to our Supply Department family! We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard CS1(SW) Talla and the newly appointed Food Service Division Officer, Ensign Joseph Corbett.

The motivated and Sailors of S-1, General Stores Division, continue to reach new levels of efficiency and professionalism. Now that CSSQTs has finally commenced, S-1 is playing an integral role in assisting this trial period with the requisition, expediting, and issue of essential repair parts. These efforts have kept the Combat Systems aboard PINCKNEY mission ready. Led by LCPO(SW) Galang and the newly appointed LPO(SW) Winn, S-1 has become a cohesive team and is blazing a trail on the path of excellence giving true meaning to the term, "Supply Support."



Waters we've traveled:

Gulf of Mexico
Atlantic Ocean
Caribbean Sea
Panama Canal
Pacific Ocean

Weapons Department



Our first torpedo fire.

Hello all from the Weapons Department it's about that time for another newsletter.

As you all know we have recently gotten underway in performance of Combat Systems Shipboard Qualification Testing or as some have heard CSSQT. During CSSQT we will be evaluating stability and capabilities of our ships systems.

What does this mean? The Sonar Techs get to fire a VLA (torpedo with rocket booster), The Tomahawk Techs get to fire missiles, and the Gunners Mates get to fire the 5" gun.... A lot!

There has been a lot of preparation for these events and we look forward to taking Pinckney one

more step forward to being battle ready and efficient.

From the Weapons Department we would like to congratulate Chief Select Wayne K. Binning on making Chief, as well as wish Plankowner STGC Jeffery B. Stuck fair winds and following seas as he will shortly be retiring from the Navy.



Combat Systems Department

CC-The last few months CC Division has been involved in several different events, including Communications and Link Exercises with the USS Bonhomme Richard, USS Cleveland, USS Fitzgerald, USS Lassen, USS Germantown and the USS Hurricane. IT2 Dally, IT2 Johnson, IT2(SW) Beane, and ITSN Reyes led the team in an outstanding performance during the exercises, resulting in USS Pinckney being honorably mentioned at the Post-Exercise meetings. The IT's have also upgraded the entire Lan onboard the ship from Windows NT to Windows 2000. The intense work performed by them resulted in the entire process being completed seven days earlier than planned. In the midst of this busy schedule we don't want to forget to wish Happy Birthdays to IT2 Tegeler, IT2 Dally, IT1(SW) Loerts, and ITC(SW/AW) Thomas.

CE -The ET's have been working diligently these past couple of months pre-

paring for CSSQT and IN-SURV. For starters in June CE division received a Bravo Zulu from FTSCPAC because of ET2 Carper's outstanding work preparing the 2M Work Station for our initial certification. We also wish a couple of Happy Birth Days for the month of June to ET1 Miska, ET1 Reiss, ET2 Carper, ET2 Helmanson and ET3 Smith. Also we want to congratulate ET2 Carper on his one year wedding anniversary. The month of July was fast paced but our unparalleled devotion and teamwork paid off while working with tech reps for our CSSQT system grooms. ET1 Martin and ET2 Carper did an amazing job repairing that stubborn AN/UPX-27 IFF interrogator. They received high praise by the BAE tech reps for being so knowledgeable and hard-working. ET2 Corral and ET2 Helmanson finally whipped NAVSSI into shape and good working order. Also the Comm ET's did an awesome job down

in Radio Central with their system grooms. Lastly, we wish 3 Happy Birth Days to ET1 Martin, ET2 Pitt and ET2 Meyers. Our prayers go out to ET3 Shaw's wife who received surgery and is steadily recovering.

CF-The month of July is proving to be a busy one for CF. As the division says good bye to LT Richard Crawford, the 1st Fire Control Officer the Pinckney has known, and welcomes aboard LTJG David Hower, there is very little time to get comfortable. Preparing for the beginning of Combat System Ship Qualification Trials (CSSQT) in August, CF has been working around the clock to ensure the ship is one step closer to being "combat ready". In the words of FC3 Hoffmann, "This is what we're here to do." The Qualifications will include a large variety of events including missile firings, combat scenarios, and rapid and precise response to system casualties. "We will be ready", says FC3 Zamora.



ITC Thomas and
LT Wagner.



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From the Ombudsman

Greetings PINCKNEY family and friends, I hope you are all settled in by now and getting to know your away around. It's a huge area and lots to learn and see. Although I have been in the area for 5 years now and am pretty familiar with our resources and the area, I

don't know the North or East County very well. However, I will do my best to find out anything you may need to know about your area in a timely manner. I have been asked numerous times recently "What is a Ombudsman?" Hopefully, the following informa-

tion will be helpful to you.

Information- Pass information along to command families concerning family programs, community resources, pertinent local and base numbers, and ships' movements and arrival times when released by the command.

Referral- When an event or emergency is happening and threatening the well-being of the family, the

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**Sailor of the Quarter DK1(SW/AW)
Barbera and CS1(SW) Burke**



**ETC (SEL) Miska SKC (SEL) Steward MAC (SEL) Binning
Congratulations to our CPO Selectees!**



**CDR Jim Malloy Speaking to
CARTI Kids visitors.**



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Boy Scouts Visit.



RADM Betancourt Visit.



At sea funeral.



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ombudsmen can point the family to a network of professionals who can help. The ombudsmen points families in the direction where they can get information and support because they know the roles of the NFSC, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, American Red Cross, chaplains, etc.

Advocate- The ombudsmen keeps the command informed regarding the morale, health and welfare of the command families. Also, they let the families know that the command is concerned about them and their well-being. The ombudsman uses their knowledge of the system to forward appropriate grievances using confidentiality.

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Family Support Group will be hosting a Family Day Social at Tidelands Park in Coronado on Saturday, August 28th at 11 am. This is a great opportunity to pack your beach gear, lunch and bring the kids out for a fun time. You'll get to know other PINCKNEY families and make new friends. Hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember

August 18th: Welcome to San Diego, 10-11 am, Fleet & Family Support Center, Classroom 4 3005 Corbina Alley, Suite 1, San Diego,

For more details, call (619) 556-7404

August 28th: FSG Social, 11 AM, Tidelands Park. For more details call Michelle Kane at (619) 437-8703

August 31st: Kindergarten Workshops from Healthy Start: 6 pm - 7:30 pm (Parents Only, Please) at Murphy Canyon Youth Center, Santo Road. Find out more about choosing kindergartens and what all parents need to know! To register or for more details, call (858) 496-0044.

September 2nd: POW/MIA 5K Free Fun Run - Sponsored by MWR! Registration deadline is Tuesday, 8/31/04. For more details or to register, call (619) 556-7444.

September 6th: Labor Day, Be safe!

September 22nd: JOB Fair, 10 am-2 pm, Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, For more details, call (619) 545-6071.

September 30th: PINCKNEY Family Support Group Meeting, at the downtown USO on the corner of 3rd and E streets. For more information you can email Michelle at ddg91fsg@san.rr.com

As always I am available 24 hours a day for **emergencies** at 619-571-8503. For **routine** calls leave a message via the **Careline** at 800-913-3491 and I will get back to you within 24 hours. You can also contact me via **email** at ddg91ombudsman@san.rr.com

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